

one station, in the north part of the village. The business part of the town is on Main street, which is nearly three miles in length, very spacious, and contains many elegant buildings. The street runs parallel with the river, and on the east the land rises with a gradual slope; on which, overlooking the town and river, are many handsome private dwellings. The United States Armory, the largest and most important of the kind in the Union, stands on high ground, about half a mile east from Main street. The buildings are of brick, neatly arranged around a square. From the cupola of one of them there is a delightful view of the surrounding country. From twelve to fifteen thousand muskets are annually manufactured here; and one hundred and fifty thousand are stored in the arsenals connected with the establishment.

The town of Springfield has an immense water power, and cotton goods, paper, iron castings, brass cannon, machinery, &c., are manufactured to a great extent in various parts of the town. Population in 1845, 14,703.

At Springfield, the Western Railroad company have erected numerous large freight and car houses, a large machine shop, a circular engine house, besides other necessary buildings; the whole covering several acres of ground. The bridge over the Connecticut River is a fine



Connecticut River Bridge.

piece of work. It is constructed of truss frame, for one track only, 1264 feet long, of seven spans 180 feet each. The flooring is thirty feet above the water, and is covered with tin. The piers, of which there are six, are of hewn granite, laid in hydraulic cement, and of great strength; deemed sufficient to resist the pressure of the ice and current in the greatest freshets. This bridge cost \$131,612.

After crossing the Connecticut, we commence by a gradual ascent, moderate for the first twelve miles, the rise to Washington Summit —

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